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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, GW

SUBJECT: TELEMIT SHIPMENT OF AN/PRC-77 MILITARY RADIOS  
TO SYRIA

REF: BONN 4705

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED FROM EXPORT CONTROL SOURCES IN THE ECONOMICS MINISTRY THAT THE FEDERAL SECURITY COUNCIL (BUNDESICHERHEITSRAT - BSR) CONSIDERED THE TELEMIT CASE IN LATE MARCH, ALONG WITH SOME 50 DIVERSE EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATIONS INVOLVING THE SHIPMENT OF OTHER ITEMS (NOT AN/PRC-77S) TO THE MIDDLE EAST AREA. THE BSR APPROVED ALL APPLICATIONS, WHICH INVOLVED ABOUT 30 LICENSE REQUESTS FOR EXPORTS TO ISRAEL AND 20 LICENSE REQUESTS FOR EXPORTS TO ARAB COUNTRIES.

2. THE BSR SPECIFICALLY APPROVED THE SHIPMENT OF 364 AN/PRC-77 RADIOS BY TELEMIT TO SYRIA. OUR SOURCES EMPHASIZED THAT THIS LICENSE IS NOT A NEW SALE BUT RATHER REPRESENTS THE LIFTING OF A HOLD ON DELIVERY OF THE REMAINDER OF A TOTAL ORDER OF 3L00 RADIOS WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY LICENSED FOR EXPORT IN NOVEMBER 1972. THIS FINAL SHIPMENT HAD BEEN TEMPORARILY HALTED FOLLOWING USG  
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INTERVENTION IN THE TELEMIT AFFAIR AND PENDING FURTHER

FRG CONSIDERATION OF THE CASE.

3. THIS NEW LICENSE WAS ISSUED TO TELEMET IN EARLY APRIL FOR THIS ONE SHIPMENT ONLY. OUR SOURCES STATE THAT THERE ARE PRESENTLY NO NEW OR PENDING APPLICATIONS FOR FURTHER EXPORT OF AN/PRC-77 RADIOS. ANY NEW APPLICATION WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED INDIVIDUALLY ON THE MERITS.

4. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES, THE BSR DOES NOT CONSIDER AN/PRC-77 RADIOS TO BE IN "WEAPON" CATEGORY AND THEREFORE CONCLUDED THAT FRG HAD NO LEGAL BASIS TO FURTHER DELAY THIS SHIPMENT. CONCERNING RELATED QUESTION OF PRODUCTION RIGHTS, THE BSR VIEWS THIS AS A COMMERCIAL MATTER TO BE SETTLED IN THE GERMAN COURTS. COMMENT: THESE SOURCES EMPHASIZED THAT UNDER GERMAN LAW THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT HAVE THE SAME LEGAL RECOURSES AS THE USG TO HALT PRIVATE PRODUCTION.

5. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH MAAG.  
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